(b) by when the construction of Self Financing Scheme flats in Vasant Kunj|Sarita Vihar, is liely to start and the payment of instalment invited; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to expedite the construction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) and (c) In Vasant Kunj, construction of about 6 to 7 thousand houses is expected to be started by the middle of September, 1984. In Sarita Vihar, work of pile foundations has already been awarded in respect of 1778 houses in pockets A, B&C. Tenders for pile foundation are in process in respect of houses in pockets H, J, F and G.

All out efforts are being made to take up and expedite the construction as quickly as possible in all the pockets.

Date for demanding the second instalment has not so far been fixed.

Price of flats of category-II in Vasant Kunj

2819. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the time of inviting applications for flats under the Self Financing Scheme the Delhi Development Authority had fixed their prices in the Brochures at Rs. 1,61,000 to 1,92,000 as the price of the flats under category II in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that without undertaking construction the DDA have increased the prices and sent demands for Rs. 2,02,000; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government propose to take to restore the price originally fixed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) DDA has reported that tentative cost of Vasant Kunj, Category II flats was Rs. 1,61,000 to Rs. 1,92,000 for the plinth area ranging from 80 sq. mts. to 96 sq. mts. each. Later, on the basis of actual drawings, the plinth area of the designed flats came to 101.10 sq. mts. for which tentative cost of the flats was increased to Rs. 2,02,000.

(c) Does not arise, in view of reply to (b) above.

Electric trolley bus service for Delhi

2820. SHRIMATI PREMILABAI DAJISAHEB CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to introduce electric trolley bus service in

Delhi has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Acquisition of ships by SCI

2821. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ships/fleet acquired by the Shipping Corporation of India Limited under SAFAUNS Loans;

(b) the countries from which the Shipping Corporation of India has bought ships vessels of different types during the last three years along with the details of payment, mode, cost of each ship and DWT of each of them;

(c) how many container vessels have been acquired or planned for acquisition with details of sizes, types etc;

(d) whether it is a fact that some of the shipyards located in western countries have evinced interests to sell to the Shipping Corporation of India certain modernised container vessels even with financial arrangement on long term basis from their bankers/financial institutions; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof and the steps being taken to add and increase the fleet position of the Shipping Corporation of India with container ships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) SCI has acquired 14 ships with part financing under SAFAUNS loans. Another 22 ships have been ordered where part of the financing is under SAFAUNS.

(b) Details of ships bought by SCI during the last 3 years are indicated in Statements I and II.

(c) SCI has so far acquired 32 container oriented ships of DWT ranging between 12870 and 20627 with container capacity ranging between 259 and 412 TEUs per ship. Two container oriented ships of DWT 16,800 each with container carrying capacity of 816 TEUs per ship are under construction. SCI proposes to acquire 6 fully containerised cellular vessels of about 25000 DWT each with a capacity to carry 1400 TEUs containers per ship. They also propose to acquire two small container ships (feeders) of about 7500 DWT each with a capacity to carry 300/400 TEUs container.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A final decision on the offers received from various shipyards is yet to be taken. Steps taken to increase the container fleet of the SCI are indicated in reply to part (c) above.